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PAPER SHORTAGE MAY REVIVE OLD SLATE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Health Officers Can Frown, But "the Gang Will Rejoice in Setting Teacher's Nerves on Edge.

The pinch of the paper shortage has been felt by the local public school system. Officials are facing a condition which may result in resurrection of slates, with all of their hallowed accessories, from the family museum.

The announcement, no doubt, will bring frowns of disapproval to the brows of Health Officer Fowler and his public school assistant, Dr. J. A. Murphy, and wreaths of smiles to the faces of "Skinny" and the gang; frowns because slates are considered insanitary by medical authorities; smiles, because opportunity may once more knock at the door of the urchin who delighted in curdling the blood of his teacher with a series of "accidental" squeaks from his slate pencil.

There are more than 50,000 school children in the District who will await the decition of the officials at the Franklin School if the alternative changes materially courses in pencing the proposition paper is not expected to hold out longer than February at the latest. After that, unless the situation per materially courses in pencing the proposition paper is not expected to hold out longer than February at the latest. After that, unless the situation paper is not expected to hold out longer than February at the latest. After that, unless the situation paper is not expected to hold out longer than February at the latest. the care of these children will steel themselves to withstand the concerted swell of spine-creeping noises emitted by 50,000 complaining slates.

The children themselves may throw

the decition of the officials at the Franklin School. If the alternative is adopted the teachers intrusted with

chus and Serpens is above the two

All through this region extend the great star clouds, crossed here and

there by dark streaks, which mark, as we now know, the true center of our universe, and the most wonder-

ful region in all the celestial world. Along the milkyway upward to the left we come to Aquilla and Cygnus, with Lyra above them, and then low in the northeast to Cepheus and Cassiopeia. The Little Bear and the Dragon are high above the pole and the Great

The Little Bear and the Dragon are high above the pole, and the Great Bear almost as high in the northwest. Leo and Virgo occupy most of the western sky, with several of the planets adding to their luster. Boots, Corona and Hercules, grouped about the zenith of the heavens, might be termed the apex of a mid-summer's night panorama of the splendor and beauty of the starry heavens at this

night panorama of the splender and beauty of the starry heavens at this season of the year.

The whole summer sky, though much fainter, will be found no less interesting than that of winter.

An observer of the heavens with a star atlas can trail out many of the summer constellations, selecting any regions of the heavens for exploration and study, confident he will find much of interest in any part of the sky he wishes to trace.

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SUMMER CONSTELLATIONS VISIBLE IN ALL THEIR GLORY

The summer constellations are now resents the sting of the scorpion. n their glory, all in their celestial Sagittarius, with the milk dipper, is beauty, spanning the heavens in full on the left, and the mass of Ophiuriew from the four corners of the

Scorpio is well up in the south, its horizon and bending back to end in the group of bright stars which rep-

TUITION OF BLIND HIT BY HIGH COST

Increase Reported in Expense of Maintaining Children at Institutions.

Maintenance of the thirty District public school blind children who are quartered at various institutions in the north and south is going to cut a deep figure in the public school appropriation the coming year.

Walter B. Patterson, director of special schools and acting superintendent, was the recipient yesterday communications from officials of the various institutions stating that the present high cost of living will force them to increase the per capita rate for the maintenance of the District blind children they are caring for.

Annual Charge Per Pupil. An average of about \$450 a year is being paid out of the school appropriation bill to maintain each of the thirty children at the institutions. The increase asked for by the institutions will add from \$125 to \$150 a year to the expenses for the maintenance of each of the children. enance of each of the children.
The District appropriation bill for

Recommendations to grant the inits meeting September 1 by Mr. Pat-terson. If the board approves of the granting of the increases, it is likely hat Congress will be asked for a

Where Children Are Located. Twenty-five of the District's blind school children are attending the Maryland Institute for the Blind at Overlea, Md. One is at an institution at Overbrook, Pa., and another at the International Sunshine Society at Summit, N. J. The remaining pupils are at an institution in Virginia.

Board Will Resume Work Tomorrow-Vacations to

Begin Friday.

The District rent commission will assume an aspect of renewed activity this week, following cessation last Wednesday of public hearings and subsequent absence from the city of two of the commissioners, Chairman James F. Oyster and Mrs. Clara Sears Both absentees are expected to be

in their offices tomorrow morning, conferring with the third commis-sioner, A. Leftwich Sinclair, in con-nection with scores of disputes which were aired at hearings during the past two or three weeks. A number of determinations which are awaiting the signatures of the commissioners will probably be handed down tomor-

row.

The three members of the rent board will begin a "technical" vacation of one month on Friday. During this period no public hearings are scheduled, but it is not improbable that one or two hearings may be called in urgent cases. The commissioners, it is understood, will remain in Wash-ington in order to keep in touch with

rental affairs.

Members of the local rent board ar watching closely the activities of rent odies in other cities. One membe has subscribed to a newspaper clip-ping service in order to review daily the rental conditions in every city the rental conditions in every city in the United States as contained in reports of the press. Every new phase in the national situation is compared with local conditions as developments ensue. National prominence, on the other hand, was given Washington's commission with the publication of an article in the current issue of the Real Estate Brokers' Magazine.

FOREIGN SITUATION PUTS SHIPYARD SALE IN DOUBT

Plans for disposition of the government-owned shippard at Hog Island, Philadelphia, are receiving consideration, it was said yesterday at the Shipping Board, but no decision is expected until the new board cision is expected until the new board has been named by the President.

It is suggested by officials in touch with foreign questions which the country is facing that it might not be good policy for the government at this time to sell a shipyard capable of a large output of tonnage for overseas carrying.

With the European situation uncertain, it was said the government

with the European struction uncer-tain, it was said the government might find itself in an embarrassing position if it should dispose of a plant ready to begin the construction of ocean-going vessels on a moment's

1920 OIL EXPORTS THIRD AS GREAT AS IMPORTS

Twenty-Eight Hundred Million Gallons Came From Mexico.

Other Figures. Despite the nation-wide oil short-

Exports of crude oil aggregated 354.357.795 gallons, Canada taking the major portion with more than 308,-000,000 gallons, followed by Cuba with nearly 17,000,000 gallons. Refined oil exports amounted to 690,-859,418 gallons, not including 2,057,420 gallons of burker oil loads on vessions of the control of age, exports of crude and refined oil gallons of bunker oil laden on vestor the fiscal year 1920 were nearly sels engaged in foreign trade.

Great Britain led as market for reone-third as great as imports, according to foreign trade figures made public yesterday by the Department of Commerce.

Crude oil imports amounted to with more than 58,000,000 gallons.

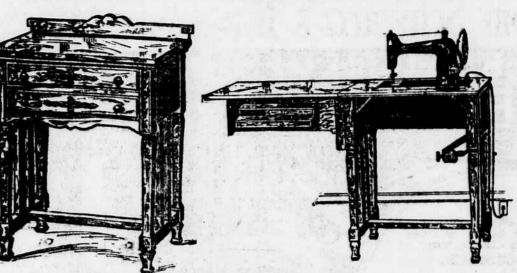
2,826,860,902 gallons, of which Mexico sent over 2,825,000,000 gallons, and Trinidad and Tobago more than 190,000,000 gallons, while refined oil 190,000,000 gallons, and 190,000,000 gallons, while refined oil 190,000,000 gallons, and 190,000,000 ga 1,000,000 gallons. Refined oil imports fell off by more than 208,000,000 gallons. Imports of both crude and refined oil increased nearly 1,000,000,000

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